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## DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 18th-February, through Sunday, 25th-February there were 228 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YU6, YV, Z2, Z3, Z7, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

## 3B6, AGALEGA ISLAND (DXpedition Update)

Team leader Witek, SP9MRO, sent out the following press release (edited): "2007 DXpedition to Agalega Islands 3B6 Newsletter No. 3 -- Today (February 21st) the decision to suspend the

expedition to 3B6 Agalega had been taken. We will decide on March 15th whether it is postponed only or rather cancelled. The decision is due to enormous costs of the expedition that have much exceeded the estimated budget.

The expedition was supported by PZK, SP-DX-C, G DX Foundation, EU DX Foundation and institutional sponsors as well as other hams from a few countries. We would like to thank all of those. Our main sponsors have decided that the period between receiving the licenses and the time set by Mauritius' government to start the ham's activity is too short.

Due to all of that, expedition's members are checking the possibility to postpone it until the 4th term of 2007 unless it collides with September's expedition to St. Brandon.

All of the donations will be immediately returned the same form they were paid. We hope that, in case of reorganizing the expedition to Agalega in the end of this year, our kind donors will be able to support us once again. We would like to thank those who supported our actions, especially those from Mauritius. Simultaneously we would like to apologize to all of those who along with us counted on QSO in March 2007."

## 3DA, SWAZILAND

Operators Filip/ON4AEO, Kath/ON7BK, Danie/ZS6VWD and Elize/ZS6EMH will be active as 3DA0FC from April 5-9th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands. QSL via ON4CJK. The group's Web pages are:

**http://www.3da0fc.be**
**http://www.filipstattooshop.be/swaziland**

## 6Y, JAMAICA

Iain, KI4HLV, is expected to be active as KI4HLV/6Y5 on the satellites from Kingston very soon. He is expected to be active there for an extended time. Hopefully, more details will be forthcoming. If anyone needs/wants 6Y5 on the satellites, please contact Iain at:

**ki4hlv@gmail.com**

## 9U, BURUNDI

Operators Franz/DJ9ZB and Baldur/DJ6SI are now active as 9U9Z and 9U0X, respectively, until March 1st. Activity is expected to be on 160-10 meters on CW and SSB. Baldur has been heard mainly on CW and active on 30/20/17/15 meters. Franz has been mainly SSB on 20/17 meters. QSL 9U0X via DJ6SI and 9U9Z via DJ9ZB.

## AH7, HAWAII

Bill, W8QZA, will be operating from the QTH of KH6SQ for the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as AH7ZA. His category will be All-Band/QRP. QSL via W8QZA.

## BD3, CHINA

Look for Zhang, BD3APX, to be active during the ARRL Inter- national DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via BD3APX.

## BS7, SCARBOROUGH REEF

The following is another press release on the upcoming DXpedition to Huang Yan Dao (Scarborough Reef) which will take place in late April. PRESS RELEASE (February 21, 2007): "Plans and arrangements are on track for the scheduled date of late April. Equipment is being received from sponsors and testing will begin soon. So far Icom, Acom, SteppIR, Butternut and Heil have provided equipment.

To those who have already sent donations, thank you. Please help us make this operation a success by assisting with a donation. You can see your donation listed on our web site at www.bs7h.com. Your donations can be received using Pay Pal, credit card or by mail as explained on the web site. All support is appreciated. You can also sponsor a page on the web site, contact N1DG if interested at don@aurumtel.com".... Tom, N4XP

The multi-national team is seeking financial contributions to help defray the cost of this DXpedition. Full details on how to contribute can be found on the DXpedition's Web site at:

**http://www.bs7h.com/**

## CT3, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Operators Rosel/DL3KWR and Hardy/DL3KWF will be active again as CT3/DL3KWR and CT3/DL3KWF, respectively, March 8-22nd. Activity will be mostly CW and on the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsign. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to: **dl3kwr@darc.de** or **dl3kwf@darc.de**, respectively. Their Web site is at:

**http://www.mydarc.de/dl3kwr**

## CU2, AZORES

Look for Pedro, CU2CR, to be active during the ARRL Inter- national DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via CU2CR.

## E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Remember to look for Bob, G3PJT, to be active from Raratonga Island (**OC-013**), March 3-17th. He has requested the callsign of E51PJT. Activity will mainly be CW and an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (March 10-11th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to: **g3pjt@btinternet.com**

## FY, FRENCH GUIANA

Oliver, F5MZN, will be active as FY5KE during the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as Single-Op/All-Band/ Low or High-Power entry. QSL via FY5KE.

## IOTA NEWS

**AS-079**. Take, JI3DST, will be active as JI3DST/JS6 or JS6RRR from **Miyako Islands**, March 2-5th. Look for him to be especially active on 160/80/40 meters. QSL via his home callsign through the JARL bureau only.

**AS-148**. Operators Rocky/HL1VAU, Ryu/DS4NYE and Han/DS2GOO plan to activate **Sonyu Island** (Korean Districtions Number G02) on March 1-4th. Operators will sign homecall/4. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY and PSK31. Their activities will also include

the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) signing as D70LW/4 and possibly as a Single-Op/Single- Band (20m)/High-Power entry. QSL via their home callsigns and D70LW/4 via DS4NYE. Look for pictures and online logs to be available after their return trip.

**OC-164**. (Update/Change) Operator John, VK6HZ, will be active as VK6ARI from **Rottnest Island** (WLOTA LH-2197), March 2-11th. This will be a holiday style operation (between fishing, drinking beer, fishing, spending time with his family, drinking beer and fishing!) using an IC-7000 on SSB, PSK and RTTY, possibly CW. Activity will be around the usual IOTA frequencies. John informs OPDX that he hopes to be up on 40 meters SSB during the evenings, then the following mornings. He suggests to look for him around 1100z for an hour or two, and 2200z, again for an hour or 2 on 7055 kHz SSB or 7030 kHz CW. John states, "Look on 6 meters (50.110) for VK/JA, but please don't expect much! Hope to spend some time over the weekend of March 3-4th on 20 and 15 meters SSB/RTTY and maybe some PSK. Will hopefully have online logs uploaded each evening at: http://home.exetel.com.au/vk6hz If not during the operation, the logs will be avaliable after March 15th online. QSL is via VK6NE."

## MOST WANTED OCEANIA SURVEY DEADLINE APPROACHING

Mark, ZL3AB, wants to remind operators in VK/ZL and Oceania area that submissions for the "Oceania Most Wanted Countries List" will close on February 28th. Lists can be submitted in text, Word, or Excel formats or simply in the body of an E-mail. Email your list to: **giggs501@yahoo.com.au** The results will be published in March and E-mailed direct to all who submit.

## OE4, AUSTRIA

Members of the OEVSV HQ Contest Team will be active as OE4A during the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as a Multi/2 entry. QSL via OE1EMS Direct.

## ON60, BELGIUM

Look for UBA club stations in Belgium to use the "ON60" prefix until early 2008, to celebrate the 60th annivesary of the UBA, the IARU Society for Belgium. A special commemorative UBA 60 Award will be available. Contact at least five different ON60 stations during the calendar year 2007. Each ON60 station is only valid one time. There are no band or mode restrictions, but contacts via repeaters, packet radio or echo link do not count towards the award. The award can be achieved by HAMs and SWLs worldwide. Endorsement stickers are available for 10, 20 and 30 different contacted ON60 stations. For more details, please see the following Web page at:

**http://www.uba.be/hf/awards/awards_fr.html**

Web page is in French, but Google will translate the page.

## PJ2, NETHERLAND ANTILLES

"The Sultans of Shwing" will be taking a break from the snow and the cold of northern climates to spend a few days on the sunny Island of Curacao (**SA-006**) sippin' some brews and makin' some Qs. Operators Chad/WE9V, Scott/KA9FOX, and Mike/K9NW will be active from February 26th to March 6th signing PJ2/homecall. Look for them during the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as PJ2T in the Multi/2 category. QSL PJ2T via N9AG. QSL all other individual (PJ2/homecall) callsigns via their home callsign addresses.

## PJ7, ST. MAARTEN

Bil/W8EB and his wife Dorothy/W8DVC will be here between now and March 25th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as PJ7/W8EB and PJ7/W8DVC. Bil will operate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 3-4th) as PJ7B. This will be Bil's 12th consecutive ARRL DX SSB Contest participation from St. Maarten. All QSL requests go to W8EB. Visit their PJ7B Web site at:

**http://www.qsl.net/pj7b/**

## QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL Route For Contest Stations and Beacons
QSL 6Y1V   via OH3RB     QSL DB0SGA via DJ4YJ        QSL GB3MCB via G3YJX
QSL C6A    via LotW      QSL DB0VC  via DL8LAO       QSL GB3NGI via GI6ATZ
QSL DA5DUB via DM8MM     QSL DF0ANN via DL8ZX        QSL HG1BUA via HA1YA
QSL DB0FAI via DL5MCG    QSL DL0UB  via DL7ACG       QSL HG1BVA via HA1YA
QSL DB0IH  via DL8DC     QSL DM0PR  via DL8LD        QSL HG8BUA via HA8MV
QSL DB0INN via DJ8QP     QSL EA5VHF via EA5EZJ       QSL HG8BVA via HA8MV
QSL DB0JG  via DL3QP     QSL EB1WW  via EA1EY Bureau QSL HI3C   via ON4IQ
QSL DB0JW  via DL9KAS    QSL EB3UHF via EA3DGI       QSL LX7I   via LX2A
QSL DB0KI  via DC9NL     QSL ES0UHF via ES2NJ        QSL OL4W   via Bureau
QSL DB0LB  via DK3PS     QSL F1XAT  via F1HSU        QSL RK2FWA via DK4VW
QSL DB0LBV via DC6WM     QSL F1ZNI  via F1AAM        QSL XF2K   via N6AWD
QSL DB0MMO via DH4FAJ    QSL GB3BSL via GW8AWM
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**9Q1EK/9Q1TB QSL STATUS.** QSL Manager Osten, SM5DQC, informs: "Due to a misunderstanding between me and the printer, Tony, LZ1JZ, (my fault) I have not yet received the 9Q1TB cards - please be patient! I'm up to date with mailing of 9Q1EK cards, more than 230 letters mailed as of today (February 20th). Georges is now back from his vacation, busy with work but on the bands as much as he can.. For Europeans: We don't have “euro” postage here, it's the same 11 SEK if mailed to USA or to Finland. 1 USD is NOT enough as our postage to ALL foreign countries is the same, and we do NOT have economy mail, all mail goes as 'priority mail' = 'air mail'. (USD 1 = SEK 7)" There is a log search available at:

**http://www.logsearch.de**

However, Osten states that there are “busted calls”, and if you have any questions to please send him an E-mail at:

**sm5dqc@areteadsl.se -or- sm5dqc@arrl.net**

**NEW UK POSTAL RATES**. QSL MANAGER Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH (AD5YS), reports that beginning April 2nd, 2007, the UK postal rates will rise across the board by slightly more than 10%. Current situations and for some time now, the 1 USD has been insufficient to pay for the minimum return postage to countries outside Europe. This new increase will mean that 1 USD is no longer sufficient to pay for the minimum return postage to countries *WITHIN* Europe. There is no surface mail service offered by the Royal Mail to countries within Europe. However, they do offer a surface mail service to countries outside Europe. However, at today's exchange rate, the new postage cost is barely met by 1 USD and with the continuing decline in the dollar/pound sterling exchange rate, it is unlikely to remain so. The good news is that the new, 2009 expiry IRCs are still exchangeable for the minimum return postage to all parts of the world. However, very few seem to be using them at present. Please bear the above in mind when sending QSL requests which may not be able to be processed and returned before April 2nd. In particular, the cards for the VP2MTE operation are unlikely to be received from the

printers by this date. Please do not send currency other than USDs or properly stamped, 2009 expiry IRCs. If you must use mint stamps, please supply them loose (not stuck onto the envelope). Any QSL requests received without adequate return postage will be answered via the RSGB bureau.

## SESH AWARD

The editor of Polish Radio Amateurs' Journal "QTC" is issuing a "Special Events Stations Hunter Award" (SESH) to an amateur radio station which can submit proof of 100 or more contacts with special events stations. QSOs can be made on all bands and modes for contacts that have been made after November 15, 1945. The SESH Award is also available for SWLs. For complete details, visit QTC's SESH Web page at:

**http://qtc.radio.org.pl/pokazartykul.php?articleID=482**

## TP2, FRANCE (Special Event)

Francis, F6FQK, TP2CE Station's Director, informs OPDX that to commemorate "International Woman Day", the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (TP2CE) will be active between March 9-11th. The station will be operated by 3 YLs (operators were not provided) on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F5LGF. Visit the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (CERAC) Web site at:

**http://www.coe.int/t/e/tp2ce**

## USI ACTIVITY

Operator Jay, AE4MK, is expected to be active as K3USI from several new islands in North Carolina for the U.S. Islands Awards program April 20-22nd. His plans include to activate the following islands: Bear (NC-new), East Dudley (NC-new), Wast Dudley (NC-new) and Huggins (NC-new). Jay will be kayak camping on the North Carolina coast near Swansboro. He will be limited to battery power using only a TS-50 w/50 watts on all bands. QSL via USi eQSL, direct or by the bureau.

## V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Update)

Keisuke, JK1QLR, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as V73KN from Majuro Island (**OC-029**), March 16-22nd. Operations and band activity will be limited because Keisuke will be there on business. He recommends to watch for updates on QRZ.com. QSL via JK1QLR only, either through the JARL Bureau (DO NOT QSL VIA THE V73 BUREAU!) or direct to (new address):
Keisuke Nagase, 486-60, Totsuka-cho, Totsuka-ku Yokohama City, 2440003 JAPAN

## VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (TSA Problems)

Steve, AK0M, informs OPDX just before going to print "my VP2V/AK0M operation did not happen as was planned for last week. TSA in Chicago refused to let me carry most of my gear onboard my flight, causing a last-minute scramble for a way to get the gear there. It ended up loosely packed in a cardboard box that was checked through as luggage and things arrived in various states of operability. Then my other luggage with some of my antenna parts was lost for 4 days..... This is the first time that TSA has ever had any problem with my equipment and is hopefully due to the specific manager in Chicago that examined my carry-ons. Hopefully, Andi, DL2AU, was able to meet the needs for VP2V. I will have more information on my website."

His Web site is at:

**http://www.ak0m.com**

## WP3, PUERTO RICO

Alfredo, WP3C, will be active during the ARRL Inter- national DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/ Low-Power entry. His activity will also count for the WLOTA as LH-2802. QSL via W3HNK.

## XV, VIETNAM

Rolf, SM5MX, is back in Hanoi and has revived his old license for XV9SW. He is expected to be on the air until April 30th. Activity will be on CW on 20 and 15 meters. However, Rolf informs OPDX that the downtown electric smog is worse than ever, so operation is just barely possible now and then. Looking at the QSNs, Rolf's activities seem to take place between 0430 and 1100z around 14044 and 21044 kHz. QSL via his home callsign. He will answer QSLS upon his return to SM-land in August.

## Z35, MACEDONIA

Ozren, Z32XA, will be active as Z35T during the ARRL Inter- national DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry. QSL via Z35T.

## ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS (NA-016)

Bob, K3UL, will once again be active as ZF2UL, March 1-7th. Activity will be mainly CW on 160/80/30 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

## ZP0, PARAGUAY

Tomas, ZP5AZL, will be active as ZP0R during the ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 3-4th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via W3HNK.

## ** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
**1-419-828-7791 ( F A X only! )**

## SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

**PLEASE NOTICE (as of February 12th), NEW ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE OPDX INTERNET HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST:**

**Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help**
**Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe**
**Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe**

**OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):**
**http://www.papays.com/opdx.html**

**ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:**
**http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html**

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**kb8nw@arrl.net**

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